

as an Urban Employment Analyst in the Office of Economic Development and Employment; he has worked with the Oakland Crime Prevention Unit; he has served on the advisory board for fair housing; and he has been an advocate for the homeless.

Reverend Smith Jr.'s activism is not bounded by the City of Oakland. He has led a study tour and has participated in peace discussions in Israel and Palestine. He has traveled to London to be a keynote speaker for the Progressive Baptist Churches of the United Kingdom. He has traveled to Western Africa and China on a cultural exchange mission.

Reverend Smith Jr. has received numerous awards and has received worldwide recognition for his advocacy for social, political and economic justice. He has often been quoted by the media for his wisdom on particular issues.

On a personal level, I have relied on Reverend Smith, Jr.'s insights on the major issues confronting the human family for several decades. His clarity, his wisdom and his vision have meant so much to me and my predecessor, Congressman Ronald V. Dellums. It is with a deep sense of gratitude and a profound sense of love and affection for Reverend Smith, Jr., his wife, Mrs. Elaine Smith, and his entire family that I wish him well, good luck and God's blessings as he embarks upon the next chapter of his life.

I proudly join Reverend Smith's family, friends and colleagues in thanking and saluting him for his years of service and commitment to improving the human condition.

Thank you Reverend Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Jr.!

HONORING ROGER P. PETERS

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 24, 2001*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to pay respects to a long time professor at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. Roger Peters passed away on May 13, 2001 from a battle with cancer. Family, friends, students and faculty will truly miss one of Ft. Lewis College's best professors.

Roger was born on October 29, 1943, in Washington, DC. He graduated from the University of Chicago in 1965 with a bachelor's degree in political science. After graduation, he volunteered for the Peace Corps and served as a science teacher in Liberia. "He loved his life. He was a really happy person," said Arden Peters, his daughter. "He taught everyone he knew so much. He was a remarkable friend and the best father."

For more than a quarter of a century Roger was a psychology professor at Ft. Lewis College. Roger was an enthusiastic teacher who would light his students up with excitement "Students would be infected with his enthusiasm," said Alane Brown, and associate professor of psychology. According to Byron Dare, a friend and fellow professor, Roger was the epitome of a professional and was a multi-dimensional person with numerous interests.

Roger Peters will be missed by everyone that knew him. He made an impact on his

family, friends, and his students. Mr. Speaker, I would like Congress to join me honoring Roger for all he has done for students at Fort Lewis College and his family.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE ACT TO LEAVE NO CHILD BEHIND

**HON. GEORGE MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 24, 2001*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to submit to my colleagues in the House the Act to Leave No Child Behind. Today I am joined by the gentlewoman from Connecticut, Ms. DELAURO, and the gentleman from California, Mr. STARK, in announcing its introduction.

An Act to Leave No Child Behind has ambitious but achievable goals: to eliminate child poverty, end child hunger, prepare children to enter school ready to learn, and provide children with health insurance and other vital services necessary for the successful development of America's children. Our bill is a road map for the safe and healthy development of America's children.

America must make a choice when it comes to the future of our neediest children. We must choose whether we will invest in the healthy development of our children or in the richest one percent of taxpayers in this country. We cannot do both. This bill represents a vision and a commitment toward a future where all children have a chance to succeed.

An Act to Leave No Child Behind, combines several pieces of legislation that could be acted upon separately at the appropriate time. Taken together, however, this bill moves us forward on the path where all children have quality health care, educational opportunity, quality child care and safe communities. This legislation provides every child and their parents with health insurance, lifts every child from poverty through tax credits, work supports, and a new minimum wage, and ends child hunger through the expansion of food programs. This bill makes sure every child is ready for school by fully funding quality early learning programs, and offers significant reforms for our system of public education that increases accountability, reduces classroom size, and guarantees that all children will be taught by qualified teachers in modern and safe classrooms. This legislation also addresses the issue of affordable housing and safe communities through sensible environmental protections, gun safety laws, and programs to reduce children's exposure to neglect, abuse, and violence.

I am so proud to have working with me on this legislation, my friend Senator CHRISTOPHER DODD (D-CT) and the Children's Defense Fund. Despite President Bush's use of the term, it was in fact the Children's Defense Fund that trademarked the phrase "Leave No Child Behind" in 1994. And it has been justified in using it ever since as it has waged a relentless battle to knock America's political establishment to its senses on behalf of our neediest children. This bill is the real deal—it is the real Act to Leave No Child Behind. It

addresses the most important issue facing our country—the children who have been and continue to be left behind. We understand that our bill is asking for a significant commitment in federal resources to help children. But we think that is the right direction for us to take. We also strongly believe that we have the resources for this effort. And, perhaps most important, we understand that the continued neglect of the real needs of children has come at a great price and will continue to cost our society—and these children—dearly.

Mr. Speaker, I urge Members of the House to join me and co-sponsor the Act to Leave No Child Behind.

HONORING FORMER  
CONGRESSMAN PAUL G. ROGERS

**HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 24, 2001*

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize former Congressman Paul G. Rogers who will be honored on June 12th by the dedication of the Paul G. Rogers Plaza at the National Institutes of Health. This occasion is a tribute to Paul's accomplishments in the fields of health and the environment.

Paul G. Rogers was elected to Congress in 1954 where he represented South Floridians living in Palm Beach and Broward Counties for twenty-four years. Paul was a well-respected Member of Congress who was known as a man of integrity. He is recognized and has been widely honored for his sponsorship of numerous pieces of legislation in the areas of health and the environment including the National Cancer Acts of 1971 and 1977 and the Clean Air and Water Act. This legislation has saved the lives of countless Americans and improved the quality of life for all Americans.

As Chairman of the House Committee on Health and the Environment, Paul used his broad knowledge and deep understanding of health and environmental issues to build a consensus of opinion in favor of Congressional action in these areas. In fact, he is often referred to as "Mr. Health." Paul was always more interested in results than in partisan politics and therefore was able to move widely supported bipartisan legislation. His accomplishments are a legacy that demonstrates what can be done in Congress if we work together for the public good. Today I have the privilege of representing parts of Paul's district and am trying to follow the trail that he blazed in these important areas.

The Paul G. Rogers Plaza at the National Institutes of Health honors this outstanding American, and my friend, Paul Rogers. I hope that the work done at this Plaza will be worthy of the name it has been given.